The closing of investigation in complaints, etc.

141. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any hard and fast instructions of the Police Commissioner regarding the closing of investigation in complaints, etc., within a stipulated period, and if so, the exact nature of the same;

(b) whether the instructions are rigorously observed in all cases;

(c) whether there has been any instance of complaints concerning undue delay;

(d) whether there was a kidnapping case at Kunnamkulam or thereabouts, the investigation of which was completed as early as the 5th of Dhanu without taking any further action thereon up till now;

(e) whether the District Magistrate made any remarks regarding the mysterious and suspicious nature of the delay, and if so, the exact remarks made by the Head of Criminal Administration in the State;

(f) whether any explanation was called for by the District Magistrate regarding the matter, and if so the nature of the explanation in detail;

(g) whether the Commissioner of Police had given verbal orders to delay further action, and is he in the habit of giving verbal orders to his subordinates; if so, the reasons for the same?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) No.

(b) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

(c) None worth mentioning.

(d) Yes.

(e) Yes. A copy of the District Magistrate's remarks in the matter is appended (*Vide Appendix I.*)

(f) Yes. The explanation is that the matter was delayed under the Police Commissioner's orders.

(g) Yes. Orders were given verbally when the Commissioner visited the station. There is nothing to prevent him from doing it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—A full and correct answer is not given to the question.

President.—There is no question of Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar which passes without a supplementary question.

Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar.—Because they are all very important, Sir.

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President.—Is this about the Kunnamkulam affair?

Mr. Sheik Abul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It is a mystery why it was not done.

President.—Because he has not gone into the matter to solve the mystery.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—There was a delay for five or six months. What is the reason for so much delay? Full six months have passed after the investigation. The reason for the delay may be given.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—This relates to a British Police constable There was no evidence to charge him. I wrote to the District Superintendent of Police, Malabar, to take departmental action in this matter.

President.—So far as we are concerned, all action is over. It is the British Government who should take disciplinary action against the constable.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar. Did the Sub-Inspector ask the Police Commissioner as to how the case should be disposed of?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes, he asked me, and verbal orders were given.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is the giving of verbal orders a recognised system?

President.—This is only a difference of opinion. The Commissioner knows how to do things properly, and without verbal orders to some extent it is impossible to carry on business in an office.

Dance held after the Police Sports.

142. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any dance was held at the Police Head Office compound, Trichur, on the 23rd March after the Police Sports, and if so,

(b) whether the dance was arranged by any Government official, and if so, by whom was it arranged and the time when it was conducted;

(c) whether it was a function arranged by the Government, or at the initiative of the Government or with the consent of the Government or with the knowledge of the Government;

(d) whether it was a public or private function;

(e) the names of those who were invited to the dance and who selected their names;

(f) whether intoxicating liquor was supplied there?

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 141).

Copy of the visiting remarks of the District Magistrate, dated 2nd Meenam 1101 of the Kunnamkulam Police Station.

1. "Visited the Station at 5. p. m. The sentry and the head constable in charge were present. The station crime register was examined. 2 cases are pending investigation. One relates to an offence under Section 343 of the C. P. C. The accused in this case are a Britsih constable of the Chalisseri Police Station and another. The case appears to have been investigated in earnest till 26th Dhanu 1101. Subsequently the investigation appears to have been abruptly stopped. It is a mystery why it was so done. The Sub Inspector must explain the matter."

APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 149.)

School Medical Inspection.

Medical Inspector ... Assistant Surgoen P. P. Antony

	High Schools at						
	Mulanturuttu	Trippunittura	Mangayil	Ernakulam	St. Albert's	T. D. Matty.	Narakkal
Pupils examined	117	216	68	252	380	198	78
Defects per cent ..							
Defective vision ..	10·25	4·6	17·6	7·0	3·45	8·5	8·75
Eye diseases ..	..	2·3	1·8	..	..	1·0	..
Defective hearing ..	...	...	...	·4	..	..	..
Ear diseases ...	1·70	2·76	...	4	..	·5	1·25
Defective speech ..	1·70	·92	...	2·38	·52	..	..
Do teeth ..	10·00	9·00	19·0	10·00	7·63	7·5	1·25
Tonsils ...	...	4·6	2·93	6·00	1·3	5·5	1·25
Diseases of nose and throat ...	..	·92	..	1·2	..	2·0	...
Skin diseases ...	8·5	..	2·93	8·00	6·65	5·5	21·25
Anaemia, hook-worm ..	26·50	36·1	19·00	22·78	18·40	12·5	33·75
Malnutrition ...	..	13·0	..	...	9·21	4·5	2·5
Heart diseases ..	1·70	1·38	2·93	1·2	1·3	·5	2·5
Lung do ..	3·40	·92	1·8	1·6	7·36	4·0	2·5
Deformity ..	1·00	..	..	..	..	...	...
Enlarged glands ...	..	..	...	·8	...	...	...
Other defects ..	10·00	..	...	..	..	..	1·25
Dirty clothing ..	...	..	..	..	14·53	39·00	..
Dirty person ..	...	..	..	..	..	15·00	...

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